

## MINUTES OF THE 2021 EDUCATORS DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING

### When?

October 9, 2021

### Where?

ATA Zoom Room

- **Ed D Administrator Laurence Ibrahim Aibo** started by sharing the [new website](#) under construction and detailing the different tabs and fields, while inviting attendees to volunteer in helping out. **Ed D Webmaster Stacey Brown-Sommers** is working, together with website committee members, on identifying free-of-use images to use for the website.

- Laurence asked attendees to share ideas on how to increase the inclusion of members in the mailing list. She asked who would like to volunteer for social media. **Assistant Administrator Cristiano Mazzei** shared that there are free social media platforms: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/free-social-media-management-tools/>

- Laurence shared that the **Ed D mission statement has been revised** (see highlighted changes below).

#### Previous version:

"The mission of the ATA's Educators Division is to provide translation and interpreting students with the best possible educational experience by offering educators and trainers a platform to share knowledge, experience, and resources, and helping each other in becoming better instructors. ATA's Educators Division emphasizes inclusiveness by connecting instructors of translation and interpreting at all different levels and language combinations, and it heavily depends on the collegiality of its members to fulfill its mission."

#### April 2021 Version,

"The mission of the ATA's Educators Division is to provide educators and trainers a platform to share knowledge, experience, and resources, and help each other in becoming better instructors. In turn, these efforts will help instructors provide translation and interpreting students with the best possible educational experience. ATA's Educators Division emphasizes inclusiveness by connecting instructors of translation and interpreting at all different levels and language combinations, and it heavily depends on the collegiality of its members to fulfill its mission."

- Laurence shared sessions of the ATA annual conference that are relevant to "educators & trainers."
- Laurence invited attendees to reflect on changing the name of the division to ATA Educators & Trainers Division. Attendees were divided on the issue. The Ed Division will send out a survey to the membership to get more input in order to make a decision.
- Laurence invited attendees to volunteer to review candidates for the ATA Educators Division election. We need 2 people and we need to inform the ATA. One of the volunteers is an institutional member and may not be able to help. Laurence will check the requirements for sitting on the nominating committee.
- Laurence asked attendees what they thought about having Friday meetings every month, alternating between "training/sharing ideas for educators" and "social." She announced that Cristiano will provide a workshop on "designing rubrics."
- Laurence shared that Dr. Lynne Bowker, Ed D scheduled Distinguished speaker for ATA 62 (2 sessions), cannot cross the Canadian border because of her [mixed vaccination](#)

[schedule](#) that prevents her from crossing the US-Canadian border. Dr. Bowker was scheduled to do two presentations on Machine Translation Ethics.

- No Ed D group dinner has been scheduled for the annual conference due to health concerns.
- Laurence opened the floor asking attendees for ideas of what they want for the division:
- Some attendees asked if a list of trainers could be developed and posted on the Ed D website. Laurence will inquire about adding the qualifier “trainer” in the ATA directory
- Cristiano Mazzei suggested to create a list of resources for languages of lesser diffusion;
- Other suggestions included:
  - Having a list of role-plays/recordings – repository; - build from “publicly available” resources, yet language about “intellectual property” needs to be added if members are offering “original work;”
  - Adding links to books and articles on T&I pedagogy to resources;
  - Adding links to interpreting skills; maybe adding a hyperlink to the resources in the interpreter’s division;
  - Adding “quote of the month” (inspirational/motivational) to summarize all that the division is focused on doing;
- Existing list of resources (prepared by the resource committee) will go live with the website;
- **Theodosia Rivera** asked to join the website committee.